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Sophisticated binary translators and dynamic optimizers demand a program profiler with low overhead, high accuracy, and the ability to collect a variety of profile types. A profiling scheme that achieves these goals is proposed. Conceptually, the hardware compresses a stream of profile data by counting identical events; the compressed profile data is passed to software for analysis. Compressing the high-bandwidth event stream greatly reduces software overhead. Because optimizations can take ...

2 [Online feedback-directed optimization of Java](#)



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This paper describes the implementation of an online feedback-directed optimization system. The system is fully automatic; it requires no prior (offline) profiling run. It uses a previously developed low-overhead instrumentation sampling framework to collect control flow graph edge profiles. This profile information is used to drive several traditional optimizations, as well as a novel algorithm for performing feedback-directed control flow graph node splitting. We empirically evaluate this system ...

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3 [Edge profiling versus path profiling: the showdown](#)



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The high performance implementation of Java Virtual Machines (JVM) and Just-In-Time (JIT) compilers is directed toward employing a dynamic compilation system on the basis of online runtime profile information. The trade-off between the compilation overhead and performance benefit is a crucial issue for such a system. This article describes the design and implementation of a dynamic optimization framework in a production-level Java JIT compiler, together with two techniques for profile-directed o ...

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5 Software profiling for hot path prediction: less is more

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Recently, there has been a growing interest in exploiting profile information in adaptive systems such as just-in-time compilers, dynamic optimizers and, binary translators. In this paper, we show that sophisticated software profiling schemes that provide highly accurate information in an offline setting are ill-suited for these dynamic code generation systems. We experimentally demonstrate that hot path predictions must be made early in order to control the rising cost of missed opportunity tha ...

6 Software profiling for hot path prediction: less is more

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7 Continuous program optimization: A case study

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Much of the software in everyday operation is not making optimal use of the hardware on which it actually runs. Among the reasons for this discrepancy are hardware/software mismatches, modularization overheads introduced by software engineering considerations, and the inability of systems to adapt to users' behaviors. A solution to these problems is to delay code generation until load time. This is the earliest point at which a piece of software can be fine-tuned to the actual capabilities of the ...

Keywords: Dynamic code generation, continuous program optimization, dynamic reoptimization

8 [Optimising hot paths in a dynamic binary translator](#)



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In dynamic binary translation, code is translated "on the fly" at run-time, while the user perceives ordinary execution of the program on the target machine. Code fragments that are frequently executed follow the same sequence of flow control over a period of time. These fragments form a hot path and are optimised to improve the overall performance of the program. Multiple hot paths may also exist in programs. A program may choose to execute in one hot path for some time, but later switch to another ...

Keywords: binary translation, dynamic compilation, dynamic execution, run-time profiling



9 [Targeted Path Profiling: Lower Overhead Path Profiling for Staged Dynamic Optimization Systems](#)



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In this paper, we present a technique for reducing the overhead of collecting path profiles in the context of a dynamic optimizer. The key idea to our approach, called Targeted Path Profiling (TPP), is to use an edge profile to simplify the collection of a path profile. This notion of profile-guided profiling is a natural fit for dynamic optimizers, which typically optimize the code in a series of stages. TPP is an extension to the Ball-Larus Efficient Path Profiling algorithm. Its increased efficiency ...

10 [Overcoming the challenges to feedback-directed optimization \(Keynote Talk\)](#)



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Feedback-directed optimization (FDO) is a general term used to describe any technique that alters a program's execution based on tendencies observed in its present or past

runs. This paper reviews the current state of affairs in FDO and discusses the challenges inhibiting further acceptance of these techniques. It also argues that current trends in hardware and software technology have resulted in an execution environment where immutable executables and traditional static optimizations are ...

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